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The Question Is Christ

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"Behold the man!"—John 19:5.

"Consider him."—Heb. 12:3.

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ."
—Matt. 27:22.

Beloved, the question is Christ. With every passing day I become more sure that if we can only unshovel Christ from the mass of stuff under which He has been hidden, then multitudes will fall at His feet and be saved. Christ has been covered with religious stuff, and ceremonial stuff, and philosophic stuff. How can our Lord seek and save the lost through such masses of error? The modern world is insisting that Christ fight clad in Saul's armor. But they have only cumbered and hindered Him. Christ has never needed more than the five smooth gospel stones. One alone will do the work.

Yes, the issue is Christ. We



Rev. Norman Lewis

must get to Him. Perplexed people look sadly at the modern religion and say like Mary, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."

1. The Question Is Christ. Why? Because by Prophecy Christ Was Promised and Pictured Centuries Before His Birth as No Other Man.

Seven and a half centuries before Christ, Isaiah declared, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). Immanuel means "God with us." Seventy-five decades rolled away and Isaiah's prophecy remained unfulfilled. But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, virgin-born. He was Jesus, our Immanuel, "God with us."

Fourteen hundred and fifty years before Christ, Moses promised, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken . . . And the Lord said . . . And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him" (Deut. 18:15, 17, 19). And when Jesus appeared He said, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me" (John 7:16). Again Jesus said, "As my Father hath taught me, I speak these things" (John 8:28). And Jesus added, "If ye believe not that I am he,

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THE MARKS OF A RELIGIOUS TRAITOR

By REV. WILLIAM WARD AYER, D.D.
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When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. —John 13:21

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. —Matthew 26:14-16.

The word "traitor" is an ugly one; it grates on the ears of upright people. It suggests something more than weakness; it pictures unreliability, it predicates treachery, it prophesies viciousness: traitor—makes one shudder!

Our world is becoming increasingly a place of national and individual traitorousness. In recent years traitors have dominated much of the world. Hitler and his Quislings, Japan and her satellites made the world a madhouse through their unspeakable treachery and viciousness.

The end of the war apparently has not ended the disease: traitory is abroad in the postwar world. Millions are alarmed and are wondering: are the things for which our nation sacrificed and our boys fought and died to be bypassed because selfish traitory is operative? What is the meaning of conditions as they prevail today in Europe and in our own land?

As this is being written, reports from the London Council of Foreign Ministers tell of the violation of solemn promises and the complete sidestepping of those freedoms which were so prominently presented as the ideal for which we raised our tremendous armies and provided the instruments of war for the United Nations.

Wrecking the Peace

Did our boys fight in vain for democracy in Europe? . . . certainly not in vain, because the vicious and brutal enemy was completely defeated; but are we

to have another type of totalitarianism scarcely less vicious and brutal and scarcely less an enemy of the peace?—if so, there is traitory somewhere and our ideals have been set aside; someone knew something that he didn't tell us!

The religious significance of all this is that there is rising in America an almost incurable cynicism which will be disastrous to the peace. We are told to have faith in the future, but faith is not an ethereal thing; it must be founded on fact, and the present-day facts are unfortunately against faith.

We are to consider the marks of a religious traitor, the most despicable of the clan, and choose as our super-example Judas, the betrayer of our Lord.

Judas Iscariot! The very name is anathema! Souls shudder at its odious sound. The hiss of its pronunciation is loathsome to the spirit. It is the synonym for all trickery and cupidity. What a name to conjure with! We sometimes feel that this Judas is only a black symbol, not a reality; but

Judas was a man—remember that!

Judas was the name given by a loving mother to a sweet, cooing babe; a name given in great anticipation, for Judah was the name of a great son of Jacob and a prominent tribe in Israel. It was from this tribe that the "Lion of Judah," the Messiah of Israel, was to come. The name Judah was a symbol of nobility.

Judas was a man of unusual possibilities. He was chosen by Jesus for discipleship. Think of that! and think correctly about it, too, for we are prone to imagine the betrayer of our Lord to be a sort of monster whose crime is so mysterious in its atrociousness as to put him beyond the

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THE MIRACLE BOOK and WHAT IT CAN DO for YOU

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

(Sermon preached Tuesday, November 4, at Bob Jones University Chapel service. Stenographically reported for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us as we speak on the miracle Book, the Bible. Let it become to us a living word, powerful and sharp. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I will begin this morning with a text in Psalms 1:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."—Psa. 1:1-3.

Note this remarkable promise. I wish you would make note in your Bible, and make a vow in your mind and heart that this is one promise you are going to live by and claim. That Scripture says of the one who meditates day and night in the Word of God that everything he puts his hand to will be blessed. If you meditate day and night in the Word of God you will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. Never matter if a drought comes, your leaf will never wither away and you will never fail to bring forth fruit. A man who meditates day and night in the

Word of God—everything he does shall prosper. A Christian keeps roots of his plans, thoughts and feelings in the Word of God all the time—everything he does will be blessed of God. That certainly is one of the richest promises, one of the most all-inclusive in the whole Bible.

Another text is in Joshua 1, beginning with verse 6: The Lord said, 'Moses is dead but I have not quit you. I will be with you as I was with Moses.' Now begin with verse 6:

"Be strong and of a good cour-

age; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do

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according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee [the Word of God]: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Again is this all-inclusive promise, that one who meditates day and night in the Word of God so as not to turn to the right and or the left hand, that everything he does shall prosper. Then he shall make his way prosperous, and then he shall have good success.

I. The Bible—a Living Miracle

There are two departments in this message this morning. First of all, let us think a bit about

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1. God Gave Both Thought and Words of Bible.—1 Cor. 2:13.

Now turn to I Corinthians 2, verse 12: "Now we have received [Paul said, 'This is the way I preach and write; this is the way I get my messages'] not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. [God has given us His Spirit so we may know the things of God.] Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

Somebody says, "I believe in the inspiration of the thought but not of the words." Really, nobody can ever express a thought until he gets some words. Words go with thought. How can you have written music without notes? How can you have arithmetic without figures? Or thoughts without words? "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth," I give you divine inspiration, Paul says, "not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." The Revised Version says, "Comparing spiritual things [matter, content] with spiritual words." God gives both the content and the words of the Bible. That is great doctrine often repeated in the Bible, that the Holy Spirit gives the material in the Bible, in miraculously given words. Of course He speaks of the original manuscripts.

As we read a few of the passages prayerfully, let us see if they will help to settle that.

2. God Put His Own Words in Isaiah's Mouth.—Isa. 51:16.

Isaiah 51:16: "And I have put my words in thy mouth." That is said of Isaiah but more explicitly for the nation Israel from whom came the Bible. I remember Dr. I. M. Haldeman, pastor of the great First Baptist Church of New York City, with his own trembling hand wrote me commenting on this verse, teaching the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

3. God Twice Gave the Very Words of Jeremiah.—Jer. 30:1, 2, Jer. 36:32.

Jeremiah's prophecy was written by word for word inspiration. Jeremiah 30:1, 2 says, "The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book." God gave the words. And now verse 4. "And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah." Well, the king had that manuscript destroyed. What happened then? Read Jeremiah 36:27, 28: "Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words [not the thought, not the content, not general matter, but the exact words] that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned. Now

University Founder Gives His Views

Bob Jones Outlines Policy as Teaching People How to Live

By BURKE DAVIS

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(Last of a series of articles on Greenville's unique new school, Bob Jones University).

GREENVILLE, S. C. — There are people who can't believe Bob Jones University, can't understand how it built its big plant, nor see why it draws its 2,600 students from all over the world. Founder Bob Jones Sr. has an explanation for it all.

"The average person around here still has the country idea of God. You can't get away from that. You talk to him and you'll find that he knows there's a God, believes there is a Heaven, and is afraid there's a Hell. Those people are for us."

He has found people like that all over the country.

Bob Jones doesn't want students "who can't stand the religious atmosphere here," and its Founder is emphatic in saying, "I've got a right to run a school for bowlegged people if I want to. We just happen to want a real Christian college—and you'd be surprised how many young people all over the country want to come to us. This overflow we have, turning away thousands of students, has nothing to do with post-war conditions. We've been turning 'em away for years."

Both Dr. Jones and President Bob Junior, his son, firmly believe that they have no competitors, that there's no school like theirs anywhere under the sun. They're probably right. Evidence: among the 2,600 students gathered from everywhere are 40 from Los Angeles, most of them here because they heard Bob Jones offered the best in speech training; many of them thought they wanted to enter the movies. The minister of one of Los Angeles' biggest churches had a troublesome son who was headed for Hollywood against his father's wishes, and sent him here under the pretext of giving him a good education in public speech. The boy is now 27, and a touring evangelist drawing big crowds all over the country.

Started Preaching At 15

Bob Jones the elder is 64. He was raised in rural Alabama. "I chewed gum off half the pine trees in Alabama. I was baptized in a country creek (my Daddy was a Methodist) because my Mother was a Baptist, and said she'd rather see me immersed by a Methodist preacher than not at all. I've been preaching all my life. When I was fifteen I set up a brush arbor and started in. I never quit until I started in this college business; I've never been happier in my life. I'm a horse trader, myself. That's the way we've been able to build this big school. We'll never have trouble getting money or students, any time. If the time ever comes when we need students I'll just tell our 600 preachers to send us one apiece. I think we'll have 10,000 students here before too long."

When the University planned to come here there were some protests (Dr. Bob calls them "whisperings"). Some said the college was not accredited, and therefore undesirable. Dr. Jones points to a record of 100 per cent acceptance of his graduates, and approval of the State of Tennessee, whence the University has just moved. Some liberal churchmen, including a prominent Charlotte clergyman, opposed the school on the ground

verse 32: Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides unto them many like words." That is



DR. BOB JONES, Jr.
President Bob Jones College

of its fundamentalism. They were not successful.

"I've got a thick hide," Bob Senior says. "You have to have, to go out preaching like I have, and getting in those fights, prohibition and all the rest. They've tried to squelch me, like they squelched the old Bryan University, but I don't squelch. I'm a progressive in politics; Bibb Graves was one of my best friends, down in Alabama. But I'm not a progressive in religion. We don't have overly-pious fanatics. But we believe that what the Bible says is true."

They Have To Work

Bob Jones keeps its students hustling, too. It won't permit lagging in classes; all have to make good progress, if for nothing else but the sake of their character. Students can take graduate study in religion or fine arts. Last year the first Ph.D. was awarded. Scoffers find ready answers at Bob Jones. Those who shrug off the school as an unaccredited ministerial school miss the mark. Ministers do come out of it in droves, but there is a wide variety of pursuits among its graduates. In the depths of the depression, when college graduates were a dime a dozen, and many of them were unemployed, Bob Jones Sr. offered \$1,000 to anyone who could find a Jones graduate out of a job, unless he were ill. No one claimed the money.

The Jones philosophy goes something like this: "Bob Jones teaches people how to live. That is the greatest lesson in the world. We teach sciences. We teach literature. We teach history. We teach all the academic subjects. But we teach students how to live... Some of the biggest 'nuts' I ever met in my life were doctors of philosophy... There is something wrong with the present system of education. When the scholars were making the greatest effort ever made on earth to teach people how to make a living there were more college and university graduates out of work than at any time in the history of the country... I have never yet found a man who knew how to live who ever had any trouble making a living. If you will learn how to live you can make a living."

His students reflect that philosophy. They seem to accept the miraculous erection of this campus in little more than a year casually. Their attitude is quite unlike that of most college students. There is a mature confidence and a kind of militant serenity about most of them. A good many of them do

work around the campus, and all of them face big audiences in speech courses which are mandatory. To them Bob Jones Sr. says things like this in his chapel talks:

"We don't tolerate in Bob Jones University slovenly work in the classroom. You can't skim over the job here and get away with it. We want you to study hard and do a good job not just what you are going to learn in books. We want you to build your character by that effort. If you haven't taken some subject in college that you hate, I am tempted to hate you. Any student who comes to a college like this and doesn't take something he despises has no business in college. If you like music, take music. If you hate mathematics, take mathematics. Offset one with the other. Build character. Learn how to live!"

Character And Brains

But in the next moment he will be committing what most academicians would consider an outrage, by overriding his deans, and allowing students who are a little slow to stay in school for as long as two years without matriculating—arguing that intelligence is less important than character. He will say: "You can go out and borrow brains anywhere. Lots of men have done that; if they don't know something, they can find somebody who does. But you can't borrow character."

Often, when trying to pick students from the overflowing application lists, Bob Jones will skip students who have made all A's in high school and take a less accomplished student, who aspires to be a missionary or some such. And they say they will take an application for a boy needing a scholarship as quickly as one offering to pay the full price. Nowadays, in fact, Jones has a hard time filling its scholarships; there's too much money around.

Bob Senior is still the directing genius of this plant, and its wide influence (already the campus is worth some \$5,000,000 in buildings and equipment) and will be for some time, though his son—whom he had to talk out of a career as a Shakespearean actor—is an extremely active president. The elder Jones is full of the homely philosophy he learned in years of revival meetings. Examples: "If I wanted to go 'possum hunting I wouldn't go to New York and get some fellow in a long-tailed coat who said 'o-possum'; I'd go out in East Tennessee and find some old farmer with a cur dog. A man who says o-possum never caught a 'possum.'... "The worst handicap a girl can have is to be extremely good-looking."...

"The world isn't filled with skeptics; it is filled with sinners with dirty hearts."... "If I were a boy in this college I wouldn't let any frizzly-headed girl tie me down to just one."... "It takes real character to live with someone who has good sense."... "It is a little dangerous to make love on a moonlight night."

Bob Jones students hear plenty of talk like that, and they seem to enjoy it. If the rules here seem like prison regulations to most college youngsters accustomed to free and easy campus life, they don't seem to vex the boys and girls here. However one regards the rise of religious fundamentalism, its followers here are virtuous, busy, and accomplishing some miracles. The whole of Bob Jones University is a rebellion against modernism and the American educational system.

not misunderstand them. When Jesus was tempted by the Devil in the wilderness, in Matthew 4:4, Jesus said to him: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Now what about the B-

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ble? Every word of it, every word of it, proceeded from the mouth of God. Not in English. We have a good English translation, but that is a matter of scholarship. The manuscripts have been very carefully preserved. But the original monographs, the very words, were given from the mouth of God. So said Jesus Christ. Not only are the words inspired, but not a jot nor tittle shall pass away until all be fulfilled, as Jesus said in Matthew 5:18. Every little breath mark; the tiniest bit of spelling and punctuation were given in the original manuscripts by the Spirit of God. I am trying to show you the sacredness, the living miracle of the Word of God, so you can depend on it and follow it.

5. God Threatens Plagues On All Who Add Words. All Who Take From Words of Bible Miss Heaven.—Rev. 22:18, 19.

There is much more like that. But turn to Revelation, the last chapter in the Bible, verses 18, 19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: [not the general matter, not even just the thought, but the very words] And if any man shall take away from the word of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Don't add even to the words. The words themselves are holy words.

6. The Bible a Living, Miracle Working Book.

This is a miracle Book. Did you know that God uses the same language about the Bible and about His Son? When you think of it, the very word "Word" is used for both. The Bible speaks of Jesus as the Word of God. He is the logos. He is the Word of God. In other words, He is God revealed. Exactly the same term is used about the Bible. It is the Word of God, it is God revealed. That is the reason that in Hebrews 4:12 the Scripture says: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful." That means alive. It is living. An idol is not alive. Other books are not alive. They may have good in them, but no other book is a miracle, a living miracle. And it works miracles when people put it to use in their lives and in

the lives of others. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword."

Over in Jeremiah the Scripture says: "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jer. 23:29). The words of the Bible are not ordinary words, not human words—they are living miracles of the power of God and every Christian should begin to magnify the word of God. Some enemies of the Bible talk about worship of the Bible and call it bibliolatry and say that people ought not worship the Word of God. The Bible itself has no such warning. Of course it is true we do not worship the Bible but worship the God of the Bible. But when Jesus said that we are to keep these sacredly, love them, abide in them, hide them in our heart, every honest Christian should most reverently, lovingly, continually meditate in these words, the Book of God, the Bible.

II. What the Bible Will Do for the Christian

Now I want to show you some things the Word of God itself is to a Christian.

1. The Way to an Overcoming, Victorious Life.

First of all, the Bible is the way to live a good life. A young man came to me this week and said, "I have tried to live right. I went to the altar and asked God to forgive me in sincere repentance. I believe He did. I felt all right. But in a few weeks I fell into terrible sin again." And he told me how he repeated the same thing. I said, "Don't talk about getting right with God without getting your life patterned after the Bible. Of course in a sense one already converted, one already born again can go back to be right with God instantly by honest confession that involves repentance, as I Jno. 1:9 shows. You can have fellowship restored, but you are not right when your life isn't right, and your life isn't right when you are not adjusted to the Word of God, to live by the Bible. You can pray but you will not have power to live right until you set out to learn the Word of God and meditate and live by the Word of God."

In Psalm 119:9 this comes up very plainly: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." How can you clean up your life? Set out to learn

the Bible. I set that young man to reading Proverbs. I asked him to read several chapters a day and read them slowly; to pray about it and ask the Holy Spirit to help him understand it and let the proverbs of God clean up his life. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." The word of God helps us to clean up our lives and helps us to live holy lives.

In the same chapter the Scripture says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11). Do you want to be able to conquer sin which so easily besets you? Do you want day by day to come out victorious over temptation? Then set out to fill your mind with the Word of God. Memorize and meditate on much of the Word of God. Then you can have victory every day. But you can't have permanent victory, victory day by day, without meditating on the Word of God.

A man came to my hotel room this morning with the same problem—lost fellowship. You can get down here on your knees and tell God you are sorry, and you might have relief and God not hold it against you, but there isn't victory until you grow your victory with the Word of God day by day. Plant the word in your life and let it bring forth fruit. It will sanctify your life. Jesus, praying in His high priestly prayer, prayed, "Sanctify them through thy word: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). If you live a holy life, then it has to be day by day based on the Word of God and wrought out by the Word of God in this life. Don't you see how necessary it is to love the Word?

"Oh, but I am learning the word in my class in Bible," you say. I am not talking about that. Education is proper and good, but I am talking about your own quiet devotional life, when the Word of God is sweet, when you chew it, when you meditate on it and it molds you and shows you your failures and you confess them and get on good ground with God every day, afresh, by the Word of God. You can't pray right without it. You can't live right without it. It is the way to conquer sin.

2. Living In the Word the Only Way to Have Answered Prayer.

Somebody writes to me and says, "Brother Rice, please pray the prayer of faith for me. One woman wrote, a preacher's wife: 'Please pray that my husband may get \$10,000. Then,' she said, 'he could go through college and buy a car and he would not have to fret so. I am sure you will pray with me about that.'"

I wrote back, "I don't suppose

God wants you to have \$10,000. I would pray for the Lord to give you \$10 but I am not going to pray for God to ruin any preacher by giving him \$10,000 at a whack, especially a young preacher."

Some people have an idea that faith is absolutely floating in the air and independent of any relation to God's Word. No! "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). When you find something God said in the Bible, then He will fulfill that promise. If God tells you to ask for something, then you can ask for it with confidence, and you read in the Bible and find out what kind of things to pray for.

There is a lesson in John 15:7: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Now isn't it too bad He put that in there? "If I abide in Christ, love Him, have sweet fellowship with Him, then can't I have the things I need, without the Bible?" you ask. No! You haven't revealed the will of God to know what to pray for. There is no logical sensible basis for your faith. Not only must you want to know the will of God and do it, but you must know what He wants by the Word of God. Therefore, "if my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The only way to have a victorious prayer life is by basing it on the Word of God. Abide in Christ and have His word abiding in you.

Would you like to live on high ground, where every day you can get your prayers answered, where you can go to God with your need, get the answer, and go on your way rejoicing? Then set out to say, "I am going to plow in and find everything the Word of God says about it." Meet God's conditions and God will give you faith and you can have an answer and everything you need, if you ask according to His Word. That is the secret of answered prayer.

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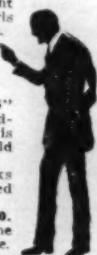
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is waved so pretty." You need not waste your breath. Why not turn over in the Bible, in II Corinthians 6:14 and you won't have to pray any more about that. God said, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Why waste your time praying when God has already told you what to do? A large per cent of your praying for guidance where you do not get an answer is because you won't take what God has already given in the Bible. The Holy Spirit that wrote the Bible is the same Holy Spirit you have to depend on for guidance now, and you insult His written instructions and then expect Him to give you secret instructions. The Holy Spirit has an affinity for a heart that loves and follows the Word. You can have the sweetest understanding, the clearest leading if you read and meditate and pray over the Word of God. You can have guidance that way. If there is something about the Bible which is not clear, the heart that takes all the help the Bible has on a question can get the rest of the leading needed by clear direction of the Holy Spirit.

The wise men came from the East at the birth of Jesus. They followed the Word of God from ancient Babylon five hundred miles to Jerusalem, and they were at the end of their rope. The only part of Scripture they had was that in Daniel which foretold the coming of the Messiah 483 years later. (Dan. 9:25). They got to Jerusalem and inquired about Him who was to be born King of the Jews and they were told about Micah 5:2 which told that He was to be born in Bethlehem. You think they followed the star all the way from the East. But they didn't. They didn't see the star again all the way from Babylon to Jerusalem. It didn't lead them, but they followed the Word of God. The Scripture

pointed them to Bethlehem. After they started following, God sent His vindication and leading of the Spirit by the star over Bethlehem, after they followed the Word of God as far as they could.

5. The Word of God Indispensable in Soul-Winning.

Here is another thing. Do you want to be a soul winner for God? Psalms 126:6 says: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." You can go forth and weep your eyes out; you can go forth and quote poetry and the philosophers; you can have a magnetic personality, but if you do not learn to use the Word of God, then you won't get anybody saved. The Bible brings conviction. "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." (Heb. 4:12). It is the Word which is the sword of the Spirit, and it brings results. It is the way to bring conviction where there is no conviction. Where a man is not interested, plenty of Scripture will make him interested. Where a man has no sense of sin, the Scripture will show him his sin. There are plenty of Scriptures on sin. Where people have perverted ideas, plenty of Scripture will correct them. The Word of God convicts people and they are saved. Then you use the word to give them assurance of salvation. It is your tool not only for your own blessing but for your own ministry.

God give us a heart to use this miracle book, the Word of God.

PRAYER: We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for Thy Holy Word. How many times I have gone to sleep with it under my pillow or held it in my arms! Lord, I have tried to memorize it and use it. Let people hug it to their hearts. I pray we may, with holy reverence, set out to regard and live by it as "every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Question Is Christ

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ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).

Seven hundred years before Christ, Isaiah said of Him, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:4-6). And thus Christ came and died, "The just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Pet. 3:18). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray" (I Pet. 2:24, 25).

Four hundred and eighty years before Christ, Zechariah wrote, "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9:9). Five hundred years rolled away, and then Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt just as had been written of Him.

David, hundred of years earlier, had foretold the very details of Christ's crucifixion. Psalm 22:16 says, "They pierced my hands and my feet." How strange since crucifixion was not a Jewish method of execution. But thus Jesus died, crucified. David wrote, "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture" (Psa. 22:18). And just so the soldiers gambled for the seamless robe of Jesus at the cross. David foretold the very

deep, despairing cry of Christ on the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Psa. 22:1). And these were the exact words Christ used on the cross. My unbelieving friend, explain these things if you can.

2. The Question Is Christ. Why? Because He Lived as No Other Man Ever Lived.

What words He spoke! Officers sent to arrest Jesus came back saying, "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46). It was true. He could shut the mouths of His enemies at will. Or He could sprinkle healing words like Heaven's mercy-drops upon the heart of a despairing sinner. Jesus' enemies brought to Him a woman taken in adultery, thinking to trap or destroy Him or her, or both. Jesus said to them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." And they slunk away like unclean dogs. Jesus said to her, "Woman, hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:10, 11).

There was no guile, no deceit in Jesus' words. He spoke to the heart. He spoke truth without mixture. His words poured forth like ointment from the silver chalice of His holy life.

Look at His works. They are the marvel of the ages. Matchless in simplicity, unparalleled in grandeur! He touched death into life, and sorrow into joy. At last they said of Him in utter astonishment, "He hath done all things well. He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak" (Mk. 7:37).

And His poise. He moved across history's stage without haste and without confusion. His life was all public as though viewed under

glass. Yet His peerless poise never faltered, never varied. He never apologized. Paul the apostle was grand, yet Paul apologized. But Paul's Master never did! Oh the poise of Jesus!

Poise in the synagogue when first He read, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . this day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." And the eyes of all were fastened upon Him.

Poise when His enemies hurled the unclean implication, "We be not born of fornication." And Jesus said, "Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" (John 8:46).

Poise in the garden when armed foes came seeking His life. He said, "Whom seek ye?" They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he . . . As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground" (John 18:4-6).

Poise on the cross (if we can force the word into such a setting) when the crucified thief alongside Christ cried, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:42, 43).

Poise — there was never another like Him.

Think of His knowledge of the future. He clearly saw the cross from the first. When Jesus' ministry began He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" . . . And, "He spake of the temple of his body" (John 2:19, 21). Later He prophesied, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again" (Matt. 20:18, 19). Jesus foresaw every detail of what was to come.

How perfectly certain of success was Jesus. At the first He said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Close to Calvary His confidence remained the same. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Call up all the conquerors of the ages and you will not find one example of such splendid, merited self-confidence. Napoleon was one of the mightiest. His imperial personality was such that for him thousands upon thousands of soldiers eagerly shed their blood. But the bubble burst. Came Waterloo. Napoleon was exiled to die.

What did Jesus say as He saw the cross? Hear it, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17, 18). And He did. Napoleon and Jesus. How different.

3. The Question Is Christ. Why? Because He Died as No Other Man Ever Died

In death Christ convinced enemies. Already demons had acknowledged Him as, "Jesus, thou Son of the most high God" (Mark 5:7). Already Judas who betrayed Him had been convinced, saying, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matt. 27:4). Already Pontius Pilate had cried as he washed his guilty hands, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person" (Matt. 27:24). But now Christ is on the cross. His body hangs on hard spikes. Yet He still convinces men. The thief implores, "Lord, remember me." And the wrongdoer becomes a worshipper. And the calloused Roman soldier when the ghastly act was over, turned from the cross, greatly fearing, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54). My friends, no other man ever died like that.

Dying, Jesus dealt with sin. John says, "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin . . . For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the

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He dealt with your sin. My unsaved friend, here is your picture in one of the prophecies already mentioned. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). Why did Jesus die? One reason. He died the just for the unjust that He might bring you to God. He bore your sins in His own body on the tree, in order that you might quit your sins and live for God.

When Jesus died the whole earth trembled and shuddered as though in mortal agony. Nor did the sun shine there. "From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth."

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in,
When Christ the mighty

maker died

For man, the creature's sin.

4. The Question Is Christ. Why? Because He Arose From the Grave and Entered Heaven as No Other Man

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The Question Is Christ

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He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord.
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.

The death of Christ made His followers lambs and cowards. His resurrection made them lions and heroes. The risen Christ appeared to His disciples, Thomas absent. Later He appeared to His disciples, Thomas present. When Thomas sees the wounds of His Lord, doubt turns to worship and he cries, "My Lord and my God." For forty days Jesus remained on earth teaching His followers. He was seen of five hundred Christians at one time, most of whom were still alive twenty-five years later when Paul wrote First Corinthians. My friends, this thing was not done in a corner. Better be sure where you stand.

He ascended into Heaven. Oh, what a day that was! I would rather have witnessed that sight in Heaven than to have been present at all the great human spectacles since the dawn of time! That day Jesus entered Heaven on the basis of His own merit. No other man ever has. All Heaven was a psalm of praise. Angel throngs worshiped and adored. From one side of the spacious amphitheater of Heaven swelled the anthem, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle" (Psa. 24:7, 8). And from Heaven's highest heights came the triumphant echo, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory" (Psa. 24:9, 10).

Sinner friend, Jesus entered Heaven for you. He entered Heaven, how to appear in the presence of God for you. Have you ever flung yourself at His feet and trusted Him once and forever as your Saviour? He offers you Heaven's pardon for earth's guilt. His wounded hands offer you forgiveness from God's throne. Oh will you not take that pardon? Will you not believe? Do you still doubt that He can save you? Remember,

Five bleeding wounds—He bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, oh forgive, they cry
Nor let that ransomed sinner die.

5. The Question Is Christ. Why? Because He Is Coming Back Again

No, I cannot leave this out. It alone gives sense to all the rest. To leave this out would be to keep the Bridegroom from the bride on the wedding day. To leave this out would be to leave redemption's anthem, the grandest anthem ever sung, on an unresolved chord. To leave this out would be to tear away the last chapters from the sweetest story ever told. I will not do it. Jesus, my Lord, is coming back again!

Jesus is coming! The ancient prophets, our Lord Himself, angels and apostles all promise it. Isaiah looked across the ages and said, "Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say . . . Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him; behold, his reward is with him" (Isa. 40:9, 10). He came once in humility to be crucified. He comes again in strength to reign.

Jesus promised, "I will come again" (John 14:3). Jesus said, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his deeds" (Matt. 16:27).

The day Jesus went back to Heaven, two angels came to earth to say, "The same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Act 1:11).

The apostle Paul said, "For the

Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (I Thess. 4:16). And the last verse save one of the entire Bible is John's inspired prayer, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Beloved, Christ cometh to judge and to reign. The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever.

But terrible judgments will strike the unsaved "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (II Thess. 1:7-9). Are you ready for His coming?

My friend, the world is sadly snarled up. Every day your newspaper carries new portents of disaster. More terrible war looms ahead. The great men of the world are like little children before a hurricane. Yet they seek not God! They seek the kingdom of God on earth without the King. Oh listen, you statesmen of the world, "Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your denunciations are defences of clay" (Job 13:12 R. V.).

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pale of human sympathy. The awful picture the great Italian poet Dante draws of him as alone in hell—shunned even there—as guilty beyond all others, expresses the general feeling about him.

Sad Lesson

Whatever the end of Judas, his beginning had elements of nobility. Jesus called him to be a disciple, and we cannot believe that Judas was picked for the part of an actor in a play or that he had to be the villain of the piece without any ability to play another part; for a while, at least, he was a normal character.

In his life we find the unflinching marks of a religious traitor. In John 13:21 the Lord Jesus at the last passover feast was troubled in spirit and testified: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." Matthew 26:14-16 tells the story thus: "Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him."

The story of Judas is a sad one but it should be considered because it contains a warning sadly needed in our day.

I. A Religious Traitor Is Usually One Who Joins the Church for Selfish Purposes

Selfishness is one of the serious sins of the race and one that brings on its saddest calamities. Our nation gave a splendid demonstration of idealism during the fighting days of the war. Our leaders called us all to non-partisan and impartial participation in preparation for victory, but is political chicanery abroad again? Is there a Judas somewhere selling the best interests of the American people for a political thirty pieces of silver? Wherever there is gross selfishness there is traitory—and a Judas.

What shall we say about the conditions at home as our boys come back, endeavoring to orient themselves to civilian life, longing above all things to become peaceable again, to kindle the hearthfires of home and church and community, only to find unprecedented strikes abroad in the land and both capital and labor apparently betraying the right of men to live and work and pursue legitimate happiness?

Judas showed his selfishness on several occasions. He joined the little company of disciples and became their treasurer. That position did not please him, however, because Jesus was a poor man. His followers had little money and the treasurer's bag which he held probably never contained more than a few dollars. This is illustrated by the fact that Jesus once asked Philip, "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?" and Philip said that two hundred penny-worth of bread would provide scarcely a morsel for the multitudes. It is obvious that the disciples had so little money they could not think of buying much; therefore Judas, who had dreamed at the beginning of a great and growing religious concern with a treasury of perhaps millions of dollars, was sadly disappointed.

He was interested in the secondary things connected with Jesus, dreaming of a material kingdom which would bring substantial profit to him and those associated with him. That seems to be clearly presented to us in the twelfth chapter of John's Gospel, where we read that while Jesus was at the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus for supper

Mary "took a pound of ointment, of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray Him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein."

Oh the selfishness, the stupidity of all traitorousness. When it gets into the church it wrecks it; when it is operative in the nation it destroys all decency; wherever you find it, it is a plague.

Using the Church

Especially let us keep this worldly spirit out of the church. In many communities the church and its membership are used for social and commercial aggrandizement. When I was pastor in smaller communities there were scores of occasions when families would come into the business life of the place and every church would endeavor to get them into its membership. Oftentimes these people would "shop around" to find where the most socially desirable people were or where the crowd that could furnish the best business advantage attended, and they joined that church—to the great delight of the pastor and members.

Personally I do not care for people who come to the church to "get" rather than to give their lives to the world through its ministries. It is the spirit of Judas Iscariot. You can never count on the individual who joins the church for selfish purposes, for the spirit of traitory is with him—and this spirit must be crushed out over our nation in order that there be Christian freedom, honesty and happiness in these United States.

II. A Religious Traitor Is One Who Is Willing to "Sell Out" the Cause in the Time of Crises.

Judas possessed probably the keenest mind of all the disciples. He seems to have seen long before the others that what appeared to be Jesus' dream of a world-wide kingdom of heaven upon earth was going to pieces. You will remember that Christ's cause had a brief period of tremendous popularity, especially about the time He fed the five thousand. He swept everything before Him. Then came His rebuke of the multitudes: "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life." The multitude murmured, "This is a hard saying; who can know it?" and many from that time forth went back and walked no more with Him. The crowds in Galilee faded away and His popularity vanished like the mists of the morning.

Christ then went down into Samaria and Judea and had another brief period of popularity, but it too vanished under the stern condemnation which the Son of God uttered against the sin and selfishness of the people.

Judas studied all this with the keen eye of the Judean and saw that from his point of view there was something wrong with the picture. One can almost hear him saying, "Oh, oh, He's killed Himself now! What's the matter with that fellow? He was going strong, putting Himself over—and now He has to attack the people's morals. He ought to know that won't go with the crowd."

Iscariot's Cue

Judas saw the multitudes turn their back upon the Son of God and, in the light of the setting sun, walk deliberately away from the movement that had every appearance of conquering the world by the power of the Master. He saw the popularity of Christ wane until only a handful of disciples were left. He saw the enmity grow

by leaps and bounds, led by the Pharisees and the priests, and he knew that calamity was in the offing. He heard Jesus condemn the Pharisees and the Sadducees, calling them whited sepulchers and blind leaders of the blind; children of the devil, who would never enter the kingdom. He heard them called proselyters who made their converts many-fold more children of hell than themselves. He saw murderous hatred come into the faces of the leaders of Israel and noted the determined set of their jaws, and he knew that Christ had forever doomed Himself with them.

I can imagine that on occasion he lingered near a group that hated Christ to hear their conversion and discovered that they were only biding their time until they could take Him by stealth and put Him to death. All seemed afraid of one thing: the wrath of the people. If only once they could find Him alone! Judas got his cue from that. He knew where they could find Him alone and he would lead them there. He would turn the Christ over to His enemies without the fear of the people, for they wouldn't be present. He knew that the Garden of Olives was the trysting place and resolved to sell his Lord to His enemies and get what he could out of the fast-crashing cause!

So we turn to the twenty-second chapter of Luke's Gospel and read of the agony in the garden, of the sleeping disciples—then the sudden drama of the situation when a multitude led by Judas appeared in the shadows. The traitor draws near to Jesus and kisses Him. Jesus says unto him, "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" and the Son of man is led off by the soldiers to the mockery of a trial, scourging and crucifixion.

Don't Do It!

It is significant that Jesus had tried to save Judas from his awful deed during the last passover meal and had dipped the sop in the dish with Judas—an unflinching sign, so oriental scholars tell us, of friendship and hospitality. It is as though Jesus had said: "I know what is in your heart. I know what you are about to do. You think I am a fool and that the kingdom is going to pieces—but don't do this thing, Judas. I am your friend. I cannot tell you all of the things that you need to know—you are not ready to receive them—but here is the oriental sign. I do not hate you. There is yet opportunity for recovery. I dip in the sop with you as an act of friendship. Save yourself from this untoward thing." In hardness of heart, however, Judas left the table and went out to betray his Lord, and the Word of God says "It was night!" We see therefore how Judas' treachery was double-dyed; it was a willful, uncompromising betrayal of his Lord.

All this is illustrative of a modern problem in the church, for today whose sections of it have compromised Christ. That's one of the things wrong in the world. There is little true witness, little stand for righteousness or for morality. An outstanding pastor in a city not far from New York told me recently how he had condemned hypocrisy in his church. He said, "If we are going to be Christians, let us be Christians; if not, let us not be Christians." He spoke of one of the cheap roadhouses near at hand where the youth of the community were resorting to drunkenness and debauchery, ending in deepest licentiousness. "Yet," said he, "how can we fight these things while the churches of this community have everything which the roadhouse has except, probably, the bar—and we don't seem to be far from getting to that at the present time."

Don't tell me that Christ is not betrayed when the church has banished the Wednesday-night prayer meeting and has substituted the Saturday-night dance. Don't tell me that there is not the spirit of Judas when sin is condoned and evil is applauded and the easiest way is followed. There is a species of cowardice in the

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Yes, in all too many instances the church herself has become a Judas—betraying her Lord in the presence of the multitudes that are dying for need of Him and His power to save.

III How Shall We Know a Present-Day Religious Traitor?

Let us be personal and get down to particulars. I could name many but I shall use just three as being representative.

First I would name the rationalistic religious Modernist—especially the minister who is a wolf in sheep's clothing, who pretends to be a representative of Christ but who denies His deity, His miraculous life, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection and thereby, through introducing paganism into the church, shuts the people off from the knowledge of the true Christ and the salvation and blessing that comes through Him. We have become too tolerant of

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Nodding to God

The second illustration of a religious traitor is the indifferent believer. I speak of the one who says he believes the Bible and all the essentials of the faith and yet who lives an indifferent Christian life — prayerless, serviceless, perfunctory in his church attendance, apathetic in support of the kingdom; giving a nod to God once in awhile in prayer, coming to the church service occasionally with a patronizing spirit, throwing a quarter or even a dollar on the collection plate with the air of one tipping a waiter for extra good service . . . thereby satisfying his selfishness and pride. I speak of the one who lives with his fellow-men who are lost — without God and without hope in the world — yet never says a word in season to turn that neighbor from the error of his ways. That man is a traitor to Christ! who said, "Ye shall be witnesses to me. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Listen, my friend, if you are an indifferent, careless-living professing Christian you are a Judas and a traitor to the cause of Christ.

Must speak also of the flagrant church member, the one who occupies a place of privilege and responsibility but who betrays it with loose and carnal living, who sells out the things of the spirit for the pleasures of the flesh, who believes in a good-Lord, good-devil, milk-and-water sort of religion and in a world that is falling to pieces internationally, socially and industrially but bears no witness to the saving Gospel.

Recently an outstanding educator said, "A sense of failure has come to all of us. God has convicted us of sin. We have been glibly saying for years that this is a lost world but the terrible truth of this statement has never been driven home to us. Now we know civilization for what it is: spiritually hollow, cruel, blind — literally sliding toward hell. Unless Christ's Gospel is preached quickly, fearlessly, passionately, ours is a lost world; even now it may be too late."

In the midst of this kind of world it is no time for God's people to live morally loose lives. It is time for sternness.

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Think of it: unbelievers and sinner's rebuking the professing

church of God! Truly we have a repetition of the Judas situation when the Pharisees rebuked Judas for his traitorousness.

Reflecting Christ

Let us note the other side of the picture and remember how our lives may be a reflection not of Judas and his treachery but of Christ and His love.

Some years ago when I had a little cabin in the hills of Putnam County in New York I came out one morning to look upon the tiny lake that mirrored the glorious foliage of the autumntime. The scene was so beautiful that I was entranced by it. There was not a ripple to mar the surface of the water, and every gorgeous autumn tree with its gold and purple and crimson was mirrored perfectly in the lake . . . the reflection seemed as much reality as the woodland itself.

So it is with Christian character:

it should be giving a perfect reflection of the heavenly attributes. There should be a glorious shining forth of Christ. Ah there is too much human frailty . . . too many ripples on the surface to reflect the divine image. The world sees too much of Judas and his treachery and not enough of Christ and His love!

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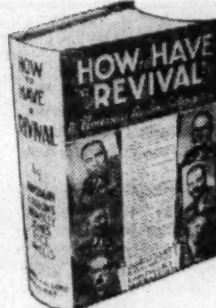
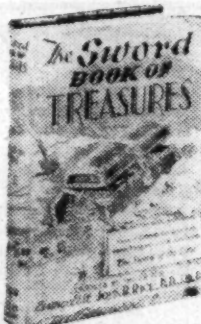
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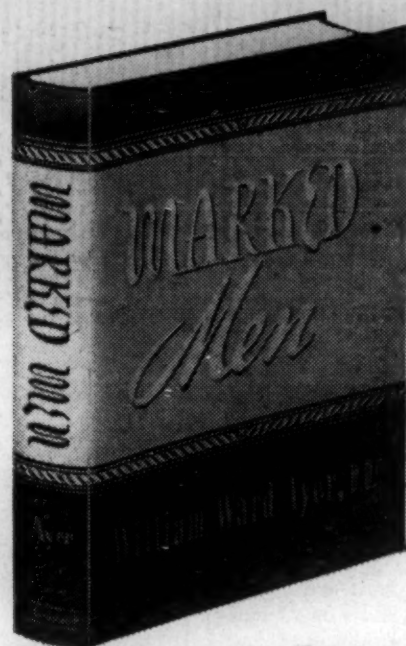
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